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## THE CULLUM GEOGRAPHICAL MEDAL.

At a meeting of the Council of the American Geographical Society, held on the 5th of December, 1896, the design for the Cullum Geographical Medal, submitted by Miss Lydia Field Emmet, was adopted, and the sinking of the die has since been entrusted to Mr. Victor D. Brenner. The Council at the same meeting by unanimous vote awarded the medal to Civil Engineer R. E. Peary, U. S. N., for his expedition of the year 1892, which determined the insularity of Greenland.

This is the first award made from the fund devised by the late Gen. George W. Cullum, U. S. A., according to the terms of his will, as follows:

“ Thirty-ninth, I give and bequeath to the American Geographical Society, in the City of New York, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars to establish a permanent fund for the purposes comprehended in the general objects of its charter, that is to say: to apply the income to procuring a die, with suitable devices and inscriptions, and to cause gold medals to be struck thereupon and presented from time to time by the said Society to those who distinguish themselves by geographical discoveries, or in the advancement of geographical science, particularly citizens of the United States of America, it being understood that the selection of the recipients of the medals shall be chosen with the assent of not less than two-thirds of the entire Council of the Society, the vote thereon to be taken by ayes and nays, which must be recorded in the proceedings of the Council. I further direct that any losses of any part of this permanent fund shall be made good by the accumulation of the income of the remainder before any further expenditures for medals shall be made. I further direct that this medal fund shall be called the Cullum Geographical Medal Fund.”